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**News Headline:** Climate change will bring wetter, more intense storms, study says - The Boston Globe |

**Outlet Full Name:** Boston Globe Online

**News Text:** ...your own recent experiences on hot, humid days) have suggested that climate change will lead to an increase in big storms that cause...

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**News Headline:** Stopgap spending bill to be unveiled as Congress finishes up | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Hartford Courant Online

**News Text:** Congress is quickening its pace toward adjourning late this week, marching toward a final vote on legislation boosting medical research and speeding drug approvals and readying a separate stopgap spending bill to prevent the government from shutting down this weekend.

The temporary budget bill, scheduled to be unveiled Tuesday, would keep federal agencies functioning into next spring, giving the new Congress and the incoming Trump administration time to approve more than \$1 trillion to fund federal agencies through the Sept. 30 end of the current government budget year.

Current spending expires at midnight on Friday. Since the measure is the only absolute must-do bill before Congress adjourns, it's likely to carry several add-ons, including flood relief, money for overseas military operations, and help for Flint, Mich., to fix its lead-tainted water system.

Other possibilities include language to help speed a congressional waiver required next year to confirm retired Gen. James Mattis as secretary of defense and temporary help to maintain health benefits for retired members of the United Mine Workers. Lawmakers will again deny themselves a cost-of-living pay hike that's fallen out of favor.

The overall measure would keep the government running through April 28.

The Senate, meanwhile, appears on track Tuesday to pass the \$6.3 billion biomedical bill, which includes a \$1.8 billion cancer research "moonshot" strongly supported by Vice President Joe Biden, whose son Beau died of the disease, as well as \$1 billion over two years to prevent and treat abuse of opioids and other addictive drugs like heroin. The nearly 1,000-page package cleared the House overwhelmingly last week, with strong backing from President Barack Obama. It contains a long-overdue overhaul of federal mental health programs.

Biden presided over the Senate during an 85-13 procedural tally on Monday and a final vote is expected Tuesday despite opposition from liberals like Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who complained that the bill would make it easier for politically well-connected pharmaceutical and medical device industries to win federal approval for their products while raising risks to consumers.

Also Monday, negotiators wrapped up talks on a massive water projects bill that also contains a controversial package of provisions that wades into a complex, longstanding battle over allocating California's water resources. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., and Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein brokered the accord, which, among other steps, aims to offer relief to farmers and farm communities suffering from the state's longstanding drought.

But California's other Democratic senator, Barbara Boxer, ripped the accord, charging that it would harm drinking water quality and severely weaken the Endangered Species Act, threatening salmon and other species. Boxer is retiring and vowed to filibuster the legislation as her last major act in office.

The stopgap spending measure is needed because of a deadlock between Republicans controlling Congress and the Obama administration over spending levels for the Pentagon and a number of other issues, including opposition from conservatives to advancing a huge "omnibus" spending package in the post-election lame-duck session.

The incoming Trump administration and House GOP leaders are also hopeful of winning increases to the Pentagon budget for the ongoing fiscal year in the early months of calendar 2017.

For now, the stopgap measure is serving as an engine to tow \$170 million to help Flint, Michigan, repair its aging water system to prevent its water from being poisoned with lead. Other items include about \$4 billion to help Louisiana and other states rebuild from floods and other natural disasters, and money to partially meet the Obama administration's \$11.6 billion request last month for war-related money.

Associated Press

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**News Headline:** California EPA Says Settled With Apple on Hazardous Waste Claims |

**Outlet Full Name:** New York Times Online, The

**News Text:** By REUTERS December 6, 2016 (Reuters) - The California Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday said Apple Inc had agreed to...

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**News Headline:** Vermont green group bows to mining company's silence demand |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** Updated 10:43 am, Tuesday, December 6, 2016

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - The head of a Vermont environmental group has complied with a mining company's demand that the group remove from its website the names of the company's owners, and a legal expert is questioning that decision.

A lawyer for Swiss-based Omya emailed Annette Smith, founder of Vermonters for a Clean Environment, demanding she remove from the group's website the names of Omya owners Max Andre Schachenmann ("SHAH-ken-mahn") and Eric Schachenmann.

Smith tells the Rutland Herald (<http://bit.ly/2g6AKV0>) Omya is a big company and she didn't want to fight with it. Omya mines marble in Vermont that it crushes into calcium carbonate, a component of many paints, paper and other products.

But Professor Jared Carter of the Vermont Law School says Smith was within her First Amendment rights to publish the owners' names.

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**News Headline:** NY governor to sue over Long Island Sound dredge disposal |

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** Updated 2:28 pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2016

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) - New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he intends to sue the federal government over its plan to allow dredged sediments to be placed in eastern Long Island Sound.

The Environmental Protection Agency approved a plan in November that allows dumping in the Connecticut portion of the waterway that separates the two states.

While Cuomo and New York environmentalists oppose the disposal project, it has been praised by many in Connecticut. Officials there say small marinas and the Naval Submarine Base in Groton (GRAH'-tuhn) rely on having a long-term placement site for dredged materials.

The New York Democrat argues the dumping poses environmental dangers.

The EPA has previously said it disagrees that dredged sediment could threaten New York habitats.

New York's suit won't be formally filed for at least 60 days.

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**News Headline:** Plans to build New England's largest wind farm dropped | .

**Outlet Full Name:** Advocate Online, The

**News Text:** Updated 4:53 pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2016

BRIDGEWATER, Maine (AP) - A Texas company says it's temporarily dropping plans to build in Maine a massive wind farm that would've been the largest of its kind in New England.

The Portland Press Herald reports (<http://bit.ly/2gz6W4g>) EDP Renewable's Number Nine Wind Farm project manager Katie Chapman on Monday said the company withdrew its application with environmental regulators.

Chapman says the company wants to "refresh the project design" in areas including wildlife and wetland data.

Houston-based EDP Renewables says new transmission lines to connect the Aroostook (ah-RUHS'-tuk) County wind farm with the New England grid have taken longer than expected. It says the loss of a power purchase deal with utilities in Connecticut contributed to the decision.

The company says the 119-turbine wind farm could power more than 50,000 homes.

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